at Agartala and the other exclusively for handicapped women at Baroda are expected to start functioning during the next year.

(ii) Under the Ministry of Welfare vocational training is provided in the National Institute of Visually Handicapped in their training Centre for Adult Blind at Dehradun and the National Institute of Hearing Handicapped in their training Centre for Adult Deaf at Hyderabad.

(iii) Voluntary Organisations play a vital role in the field of education, training and rehabilitation of the disabled population. The Ministry of Welfare implements a Scheme which provides financial assistance to Voluntary Organisations engaged in rehabilitation of the disabled. About 200 Voluntary Organisations participate in this Scheme, of which a number of them provide suitable training to rehabilitate the disabled.

(b) The number of handicapped persons given training and rehabilitated by the vocational rehabilitation centres during 1985 and 1986 are as follows:

Year	No. of persons rehabilitated
1985	4990
1986	5871

No targets are fixed as the number of persons given training depends on the number of persons registered with the Vocational Rehabilitation Centres.

The number of handicapped persons given training by the training centres in National Institute of the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun and the National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped Bombay during 1985-86 and 1986-87 are as under:

	NIVH	NIHH
1985-86	77	104
1986-87	82	101

During the remaining period of the current Five Year Plan, 500 handicapped persons are expected to be given training in these Institutes.

As per information available, the number of handicapped persons given vocational training through the voluntary organisations assisted by the Government of India, is as follows:

1985-86	2392
1986-87	2866

Assurances to striking CPWD Workers

788. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent strike by the CPWD workers' in the capital had been withdrawn unconditionally on specific assurances given by the top functionaries of the Department;

(b) if so, what are the details of the assurances given to them; and

(c) what is the progress made so far in their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The strike was withdrawn unconditionally by the CPWD Mazdoor Union. No assurance was given to them by the CPWD.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Flood Menace in Assam

789. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Minister of Surface Transport made an aerial survey and visited the flood hit areas of Assam recently;

(b) if so, what is his report about the extent of damage; and

(c) what long-term and short-term measures Government propose to take to curb the flood menace in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been a sizeable loss of standing crop and property in the districts of Barpeta and Nalbari.

(c) In addition to the steps taken by the State Government, the Government of India has been extending Central Loan Assistance since 1974-75 towards the works component of flood control schemes in the Brahmaputra Valley. The schemes consisting of embankments, drainage channels, anti-erosion works etc. are short-term measures and their construction would continue. The long-term measures involve construction of multipurpose storage projects, watershed management and river training works.

Prices of Vegetables

790. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vegetable prices have gone sky-rocketing beyond the reach of the common man in Delhi;

(b) if so, what were the comparative prices of common varieties of vegetables on July 1, 1987 and on the corresponding dates in the previous two years; and

(c) whether Government have gone into middle man's profits in the vegetables trade, if so, what is the average percentage of the (i) peasants price and (ii) retail price that goes as the middle man's profits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULUTRE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no increase in the prices of vegetables as on 1st week of July, 1987 as compared to the corresponding periods of 1986 and 1985, except onion. The retail prices of potato, onion and other vegetables in Delhi in 1st week of July for the years 1987, 1986 and 1985 are stated below:—

Commodity	Retail Prices (Rs. per kg.)		
	1987	1986	1985
Potato .	2.50	4.00	2.00
Onion .	3.00	1.20	1a50
Tomato .	5.00	6.00	6.00
Lady's Finger .	3.00	5.00	6.00
Brinjals .	2.00	2.20	2.20

(c) The Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture, have conducted the study on Price Spread of Onions in India during 1979 and 1980. The costs and margins in respect of different States are given in the Annexures. (*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 43 (A) and (B).

Encroachment of Land by Colonisers in South Delhi

791. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report in the Hindustan Times of June 17, 1987, captioned "Greedy citizenry Inept Planners", to the effect that about 6,000 hectares of land in South Delhi, between Badarpur to Mehrauli to Mahipalpur to National Highway Number 8 and the border of the Union Territory, is in danger of being encroached upon by unauthorised colonisers and the like;

(b) if so, how many unauthorised colonisers and farm houses have already cropped up in the area; and

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent the land grab and the unplanned colonies and farm houses coming up in the area?